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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2005, in the above-referenced application, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.